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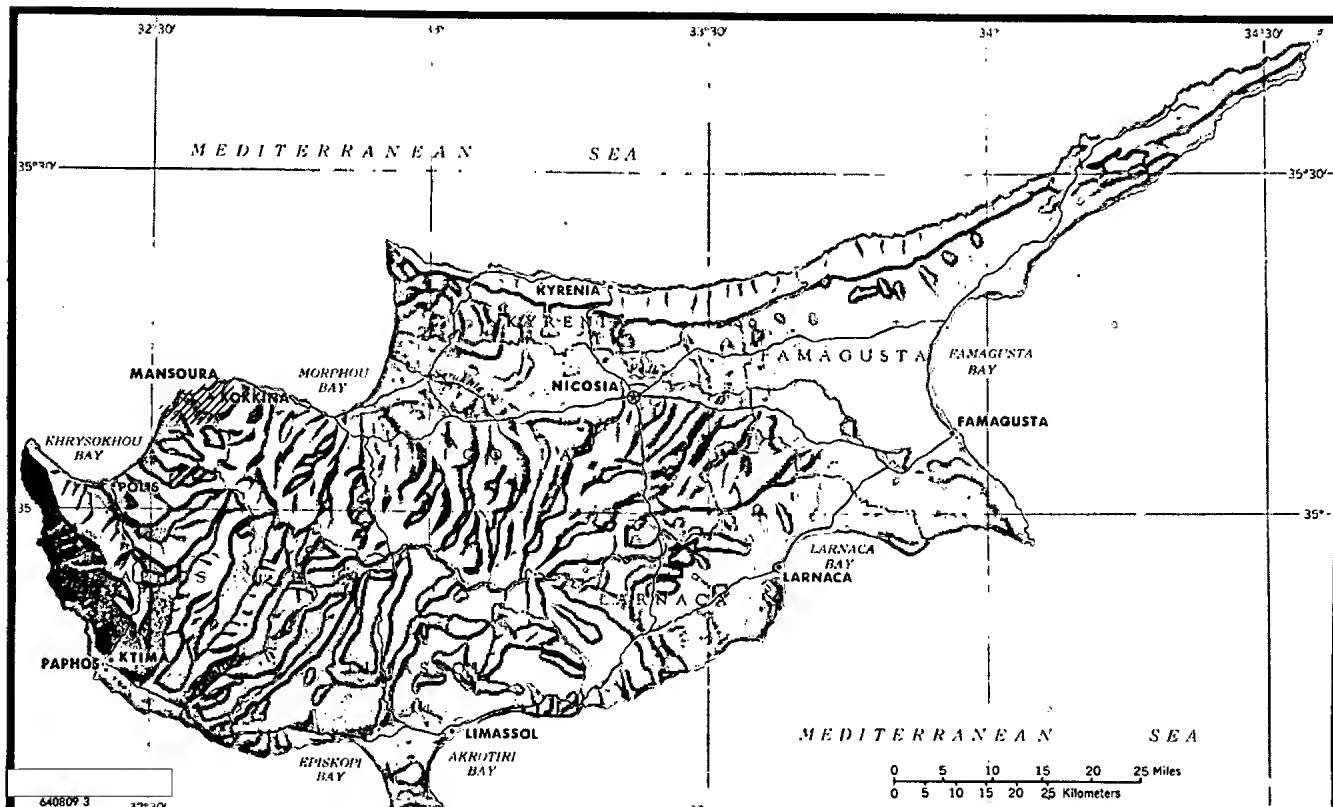
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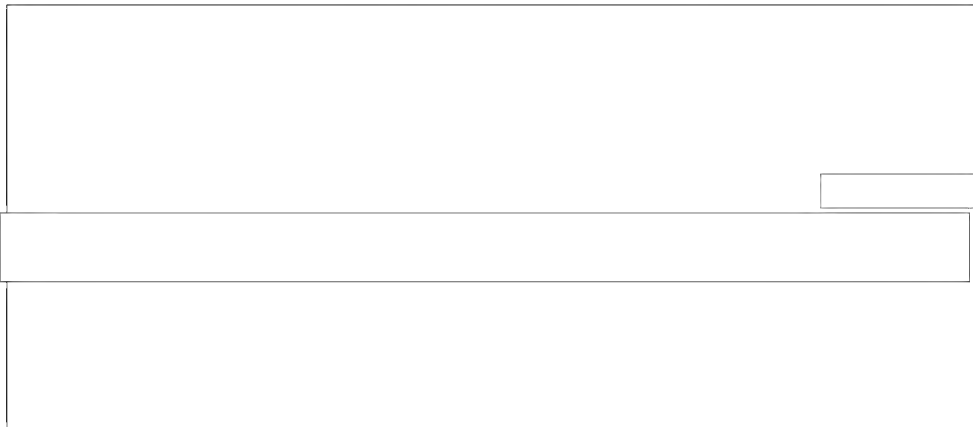
1. Cyprus: (as of 1430 EDT, 11 August) The island is generally quiet, but the truce remains fragile.



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Greek Cypriots, however, refuse to withdraw from positions seized around Kokkina. Unless UN forces succeed in getting the Greek Cypriots to pull back, the Turks might decide to resume their air raids. At present, however, Ankara says it will not resume these unless the Greek Cypriots launch new attacks. Turkish reconnaissance flights over Kokkina have been discontinued.

Ankara has warned Athens that any Greek air attack on Kokkina will be considered an attack against Turkey.



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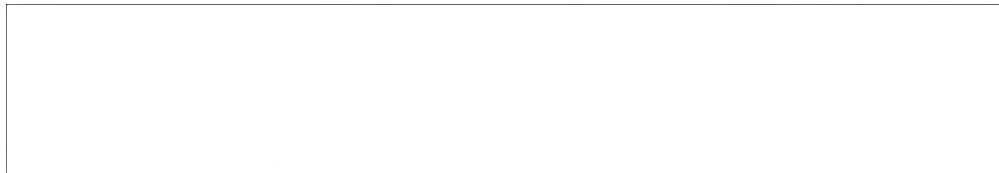
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Greek Cypriot leaders are sharply divided over Makarios' plea for Soviet intervention.

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A request for Soviet armed forces to be stationed in Cyprus may be under debate in Nicosia, but is viewed by some Greek Cypriot leaders as a "desperate expedient."

There seems little likelihood that Moscow would honor such a request now. Moscow's response to Makarios' first request was limited to an expression of "sympathy" by Khrushchev.



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2. China - North Vietnam: Further study of [redacted] photography [redacted] now establishes that 36 MIG 15/17 jet fighters--a full regiment--are at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi. Many are camouflaged. They are protected by some 75 light and medium AA guns. COMINT indicates that these planes came from China's Mengtzu airfield near the Vietnamese border. Air transport flights between Mengtzu and Hanoi are continuing.


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There are signs that fighters may be moved from East China into Nanning. If so, it will be the first air augmentation in South China from outside the area since the start of the crisis.

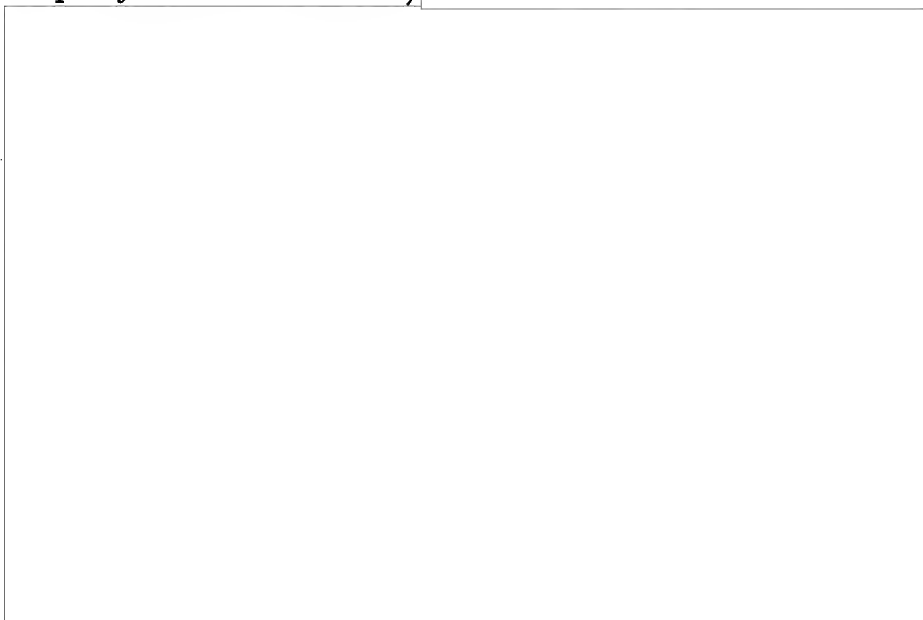
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We have seen no major ground force re-deployment in China, 

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Hanoi's propaganda is making a great effort to play up last week's incidents as great victories and has not mentioned North Vietnamese losses. The regime must be anxious to cover up its failures to avoid undercutting popular morale and that of the Viet Cong.

Hanoi has not specifically rejected the UN invitation to appear, but has denied the

Security Council's competence to discuss the situation. Both Peiping and Hanoi have indicated a clear preference for the Geneva peace-keeping machinery.

The Chinese, to keep attention focused on the crisis, are stage-managing popular demonstrations in all major cities. The 17 million thus far claimed in attendance fall far short, however, of the 300 million claimed for the Taiwan Straits crisis of 1958.

Several Chinese public statements, insisting on China's "right" and "determination" to aid North Vietnam, could be a buildup to public acknowledgement of what has already been sent--and might mean more is coming.

Both Hanoi and Peiping have indicated their feeling that Soviet backing has been less than adequate.

Soviet propaganda on the Tonkin Gulf crisis is relatively restrained.

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3. Congo: The military situation in the eastern Congo continues to deteriorate.

Rebels in trucks and "marching in formation" were reported on 10 August to be 50 miles west of Bukavu. Congo Army forces, as well as two T-28 aircraft, have been sent to meet them.

In Stanleyville, US consular officials have reportedly obtained rebel permission to evacuate.

Panic is developing in the towns west of Stanleyville along the Congo River, and the local populations are reported ready to welcome the rebels. Europeans are evacuating and government troops fleeing down river from Stanleyville are reported to be in a rebellious mood.

Defeatism is spreading in Leopoldville itself and is affecting Congolese leaders.

Several, including General Mobutu, are said to be convinced that they have no more than two weeks to stem the rebel tide. [] the infiltration of rebel agitators into Leopoldville to spark disturbances and they fear the city may fall from within.

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The picture is not all bad, however.

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In Katanga, mixed groups of army, Katanga gendarmes, and police have been making advances. The force which recently took Baudouinville is pushing north and another plans to move on from Kabongo (northeast of Kamina).

As many as six companies of Tshombé's gendarmes may now have been formed in Katanga [REDACTED] to move to several strategic locations including Leopoldville itself. Some 3,000 gendarmes camped in Angola are being readied, but none have appeared in the Congo.

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Tshombé is reported to have definitely decided to use mercenaries, but we have no word that more than a handful have arrived. Despite his public statements that he would not seek military help from other African states, he has asked for two Nigerian battalions. The Nigerians are likely to help, but not on this scale. They are wary of being identified with Tshombé and may insist that other Africans join in.

None of the additional Belgian assistance has arrived as yet [REDACTED]

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4. Indonesia-Malaysia:

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5. Laos: The three factions have agreed to talk among themselves in Paris, possibly beginning 24 August, preparatory to a Geneva conference.

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Observers in Vientiane see signs that Souvanna will give way on his demand for withdrawal of the Pathet Lao from the Plaine des Jarres as a precondition for an international conference.

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6. South Vietnam: There are some signs that public exuberance over the US air strike may evaporate and manifestations of dissatisfaction with the Khanh regime resume.

The US action prompted many Vietnamese to think that the war burden was removed from their shoulders. Khanh's "state of emergency" decrees, if continued, will soon disillusion these people.

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Other Vietnamese are already becoming fearful of harsh retaliation by the Communists.

Some highly placed people fear that, if the campaign against the Viet Cong is not pushed effectively, Khanh may feel compelled to resort to distractions--for example, some action against Cambodia.

7. Haiti: President Duvalier [redacted]

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[redacted] may now have a new threat to face.
[redacted] Haitian rebels interned in the Dominican Republic since July may have been released across the border into Haiti where they hoped to pick up cached arms.

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Further rebel incursions are [redacted] in the offing.

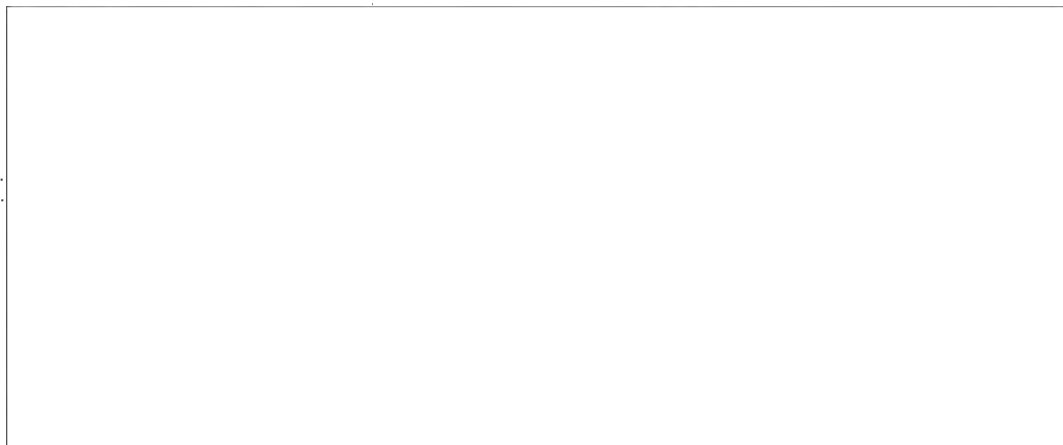
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8. Egypt - Yemen - Saudi Arabia [redacted]

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9. Israel-Syria: Border shooting incidents are again heightening tensions.

The Israelis are concerned about control of the border area now that their pumping station for diverting Jordan water is operating. They are patrolling into the DMZ. Syrian troops are responding vigorously, most recently on 6 August, and on 10 August fired on an Israeli tractor in the DMZ.

10. USSR - Communist China: The Soviets are moving toward convening a world Communist conference to discuss differences.

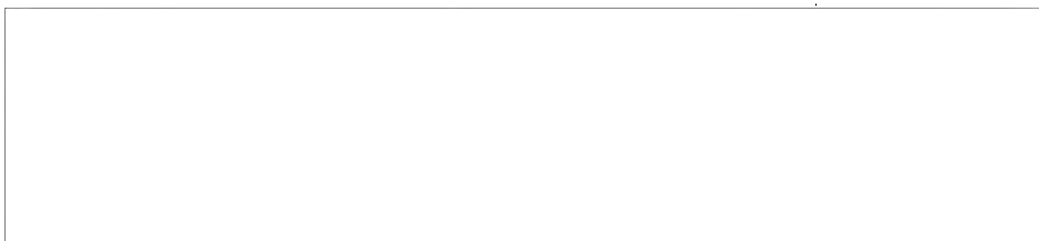
Moscow has asked the 25 parties which helped it prepare the conference of 1960 to get together in December to arrange another for mid-1965. The Chinese, one of the invitees, recently said they would not participate in any preparatory meeting set up by Moscow this year.

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The Russians have indicated that the refusal of any party to participate in the December preparatory session should not prevent the 1965 meeting. Other parties invited may refuse, but we are certain Moscow can muster a substantial majority.

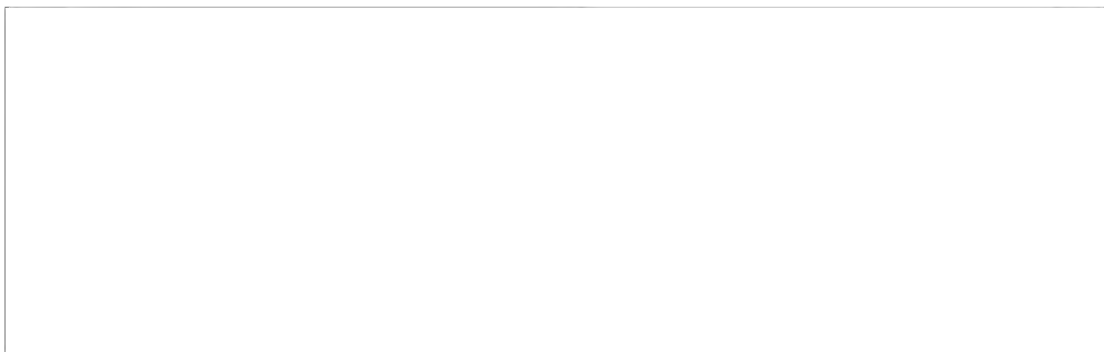
We now look for stepped up Chinese efforts to persuade undecided parties that a meeting in December will only worsen matters.

In a new twist, Peiping is putting on sale a collection of past statements by Khrushchev which prove he is a "revisionist."



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Cuba:

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recruit training in Cuba may have lagged and
that veterans are being held in service pend-
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